



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Inspector General

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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
U.S. House of Representatives
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0516

Dear Congresswoman Lofgren:

I am writing to inform you that the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has opened a review of the Department of Justice's (Department) involvement with a National Security Agency (NSA) program that has been called "the terrorist surveillance program" or the "warrantless surveillance program."

The OIG previously received clearances relating to the NSA program for myself and two other OIG supervisors. After conducting initial inquiries into the program, we have decided to open a program review that will examine the Department's controls and use of information related to the program and the Department's compliance with legal requirements governing the program.

On October 20, 2006, I made a formal request to the Attorney General for additional clearances for OIG staff to conduct this program review. The Attorney General forwarded the request to the White House, which makes the decisions on clearance requests relating to the program. Last week, I received word that the request for clearances for the OIG staff to conduct this review would be granted.

As a result, the OIG has opened this program review, and I wanted to inform you of the review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Glenn A. Fine", is positioned above the printed name.

Glenn A. Fine
Inspector General